

Higher National awards

In September 1999 the academic requirement for IEng registration was raised from HNC/HND to Bachelor degree level. This means that HNC/HND qualifications started in September 1999 or later no longer satisfy the IEng registration requirement, with the exception of a small number of courses whose accreditation extends beyond this date. However, these only satisfy the IEng education requirement where further learning is not required for the intake year. See the rules below to determine whether an HNC/HND started before September 1999 satisfies this requirement.

IEng Registration

Holders of Higher National qualifications seeking IEng registration should contact an Engineering Council licensed professional engineering institution that is discipline-appropriate to their area of professional practice. The relevant institution will assess academic qualifications and experience for registration and will provide guidance and advice where further learning is required.

Sydney Accord

Holders of Higher National awards seeking recognition of their qualifications under the Sydney Accord for the purposes of migration whose qualifications do not appear on our accredited course search should apply for qualifications assessment using the assessment form available on our website:

<http://www.engc.org.uk/education--skills/recognition-agreements.aspx>. A copy of the certificate and transcript (which details the units completed in gaining the award) should be attached.

Where a Higher National award satisfies the rules below a letter of attestation will be issued. Where a qualification does not satisfy the rules appropriate advice will be given.

Rules applicable for IEng registration and Sydney Accord recognition

The following rules apply:

- EdExcel/BTEC/TEC/SCOTVEC/SCOTEC Engineering HD/HNDs started before September 1999 satisfy the academic requirements for IEng registration
- BTEC/TEC HC/HNC courses in a specified engineering discipline started before September 1987 satisfy the academic requirements for IEng registration.
- Scottish HC/HNC courses in a specified engineering discipline started before September 1989 satisfy the academic requirements for IEng registration.
- The academic requirement for BTEC/TEC/EdExcel HNC courses started September 1987 onwards is a minimum of 8.0 H units (or level IV and V), including 1.0 H units project, 1.0 N/H or H units computing, and 1.0 Units N/H level (level III) mathematics. Where the candidate completed an ONC prior to the HNC, the mathematics requirement may have been satisfied in an ONC. The same applies to the computing requirement, and may be comprised of different units, e.g. computing for engineering, introduction to robotics, CAD, etc.
- The academic requirement for SCOTVEC/SCOTEC/SQA HNC courses started September 1989 onwards is a minimum of 12.0 HN credits, including 1.5 HN credits Project, 1.5 NC credits mathematics at the level of M2, and 1.5 NC credits computing. The computing requirement may be comprised of different units, e.g. computing for engineering, introduction to robotics, CAD, etc.
- Where a Higher National qualification does not satisfy the profile, the missing units required to satisfy the profile may be taken, but if completed after September 1999 would require further learning to ordinary bachelor degree level to be completed.